

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

1. (Original): An adhesive for polarizing plates used for forming an adhesive layer in a polarizing plate in which a polarizer and a transparent protective film is adhering with each other via the adhesive layer,

wherein the adhesive for polarizing plates is an aqueous solution containing a polyvinyl alcohol-based resin having an acetoacetyl group and a crosslinking agent, and the aqueous solution has a pH of 4.3 or less.

2. (Original): The adhesive for polarizing plates according to claim 1, wherein a pH of the aqueous solution is in the range of from 2.2 to 4.3.

3. (Currently Amended): The adhesive for polarizing plates according to claim 1 [[or 2]], wherein the aqueous solution contains an acid.

4. (Currently Amended): The adhesive for polarizing plates according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, wherein a polarizer is a polyvinyl alcohol-based polarizer.

5. (Currently Amended): A manufacturing method for a polarizing plate, wherein a transparent protective film is adhered to at least one surface of a polarizer using an adhesive for polarizing plates according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1.

6. (Original): A polarizing plate, which is obtained by the manufacturing method for a polarizing plate according to claim 5, comprising: a polarizer and a transparent protective film which is provided on at least one surface of the polarizer via an adhesive layer.

7. (Original): The polarizing plate according to claim 6, wherein a thickness of an adhesive layer is in the range of from 30 to 300 nm.

8. (Currently Amended): An optical film comprising at least one polarizing plate according to claim 6 ~~[[or 7]]~~.

9. (Currently Amended): An image display comprising a polarizing plate according to claim 6 ~~or 7 or the optical film according to claim 8~~.